

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Restriction Requirement:

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-10 and 24-25, drawn to a lithium battery separator having a shutdown function.
- Group II: Claims 11-22, drawn to a process for producing a separator having a shutdown function.

Applicants note that claim 23 is not listed in either Group I or II, however Applicants believe claim 23 should be included in Group II.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-10 and 24-25 (drawn to a lithium battery separator having a shutdown function), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Amendment:

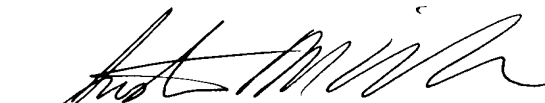
Claims 11-23, of non-elected Group II, are currently canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-10, 24 and 25 are maintained as filed in the Preliminary Amendment of February 11, 2005.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-10, 24 and 25 will be active.

No new matter has been entered.

Respectfully Submitted,

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